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Climate Change Plan Advisory Group

8 November

Dear Climate Change Plan Advisory Group Members,

Yesterday I informed the Scottish Parliament that the initial publication of the draft Climate Change Plan has been postponed.

Our commitment to publish in November is not a statutory one. Under the terms of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 9 (section 35(1)(a)) the deadline for Parliamentary laying of a final Plan covering the period 2025 to 2040 is by 23 March 2025. Also under the terms of the Act, we must allow 120 days for Parliamentary scrutiny of a draft (of which no fewer than 60 must be days on which the Parliament is not dissolved or in recess). Therefore, the deadline for laying a draft of our Plan is, statutorily, not until the latter part of 2024.

While we had hoped to bring this forward to November 2023, this was always very challenging and has been made unachievable by the volatile economic circumstances the UK faces and the repercussions of the UK Government's recent announcements to roll back their net zero commitments. It is imperative that our Climate Change Plan is just and fair, and we will take the time allowed to us in statute to ensure this.

While it is regrettable that we were not able to meet our own hopes of a November deadline, we will progress development of the Plan in line with statutory deadlines, which require a final Plan to be published by March 2025, and look forward to continuing engagement with the Climate Change advisory group as we do so.

I would like to thank you for your time and effort in contributing to the draft Climate Change Plan to date. Your contributions have been invaluable in helping us build our approach to the next iteration of the Climate Change Plan, and we will continue to use your input to develop policy ahead of the draft Climate Change Plan next year.

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My officials will be in contact with future arrangements for the Climate Change Plan Advisory Group in due course.

Kind regards,



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7 November 2023

Dear Professor Forster,

I write to advise that I have today informed the Scottish Parliament that initial publication of draft Climate Change Plan has been postponed.

Under the terms of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (section 35(1)(a)) the deadline for Parliamentary laying of a final Plan covering the period 2025 to 2040 is by 23 March 2025. Also under the terms of the Act, we must allow 120 sitting days for Parliamentary scrutiny of a draft (of which no fewer than 60 must be days on which the Parliament is not dissolved or in recess). Therefore, the deadline for laying a draft of our Plan is, statutorily, not until the later part of 2024.

While we had hoped to bring this forward to November 2023, this was always very challenging and has been made unachievable by the volatile economic circumstances the UK faces and the repercussions of the UK Government's recent announcements to roll back their net zero commitments. It is imperative that our our Climate Change Plan is just and fair, and we will take the time allowed to us in statute to ensure this.

I am aware that the Committee was planning to publish its 2023 Scottish Progress Report in early 2024 to include consideration of the draft Climate Change Plan in the report, and that the delay to the draft will have implications for this. My officials are in regular touch with the Committee's secretariat and will be happy to discuss further the best way to manage the delay for the Committee's forthcoming reports.

While it is regrettable that we were not able to meet our own hopes of a November deadline, we will progress development of the Plan in line with statutory deadlines, and look forward to continuing engagement with the Committee as we do so.

Should you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact my officials.

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Climate Change Plan Advisory Group meeting postponed

From: [redacted@gov.scot]

> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 3:29 PM

To: [redacted@gov.scot]

; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

<CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [redacted@gov.scot];

[redacted@gov.scot][redacted@gov.scot]; [redacted@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: Postponement of next CCPAG

Hi [redacted],

Cab Sec is content to postpone.

Please liaise with [redacted] on new dates/times.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[name redacted]

Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot

[phone number redacted]

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From: [name redacted][name redacted@gov.scot]>

Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 8:11 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

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Subject: Postponement of next CCPAG

Morning PO,

The next Climate Change Plan advisory group is scheduled for next week. I am proposing it is postponed for the time being and am seeking the Cabinet Secretary's agreement.

We are developing a wider handling plan for postponement of the draft CCP itself and will include our thoughts on when the CCPAG could be usefully rescheduled to as part of this. We'll have that advice up within a week.

A draft note to FM and DFM on postponing the draft CCP will follow later this morning.

Many thanks,

[name redacted]

Climate Change Plan Advisory Group Letter

From: [redacted]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of Climate Change Plan
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 10:04 AM
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Subject: Scottish Government: Update on the next Climate Change Plan

Dear Climate Change Advisory Group members,

Please find attached a letter on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition regarding the next Climate Change Plan.

Kind regards,

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Email to Just Transition co-chairs

From: [redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 10:04 AM

To: Just Transition Commission <justtransitioncommission@gov.scot>

Subject: Scottish Government: Update on the next Climate Change Plan

Dear Just Transition Commission co-Chairs,

Yesterday the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition informed the Scottish Parliament that the initial publication of the draft Climate Change Plan has been postponed.

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The development of the Plan will progress in line with statutory deadlines, which require a final Plan to be published by March 2025.

Kind regards,
The Climate Change Plan team

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Letter to Climate Change Committee

From: [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Climate Change Plan

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 4:16 PM

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Cabinet Secretary Letter to Conveners Group

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xx December 2023

Dear Liam,

I am writing in response to correspondence from the Minister for Parliamentary Business on 27 November, this was following a private session he had held with the Convener's Group. The Minister flagged two queries during this session from Edward Mountain MSP and Richard Leonard MSP which I include responses to below.

In response to Mr Mountain's query regarding the draft Climate Change Plan (CCP), Mr Mountain will be aware from previous correspondence that we regrettably made the decision to delay the draft plan being laid before Parliament in November 2023.

The Scottish Government are continuing to develop climate policies and are fully committed to bringing forward a draft of the next Climate Change Plan, covering the period 2025 to 2040, which ensures our transition to net zero is fair and just for everyone. Whilst it was regrettably not possible to produce a draft by our own November deadline, we will progress in line with statutory deadlines.

Under the terms of section 35 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act the deadline for laying a final Plan in Parliament covering the period 2025 to 2040 is 23 March 2025. Also under the terms of the Act, we must allow 120 days for Parliamentary scrutiny of a draft (of which no fewer than 60 must be days on which the Parliament is not dissolved or in recess). Therefore, the legal deadline for laying a draft of our Plan is not until the latter part of 2024. I will keep Parliament informed of our progress and hope to firm up dates for laying the draft next year.

[out of scope]

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

Yours sincerely,

MAIRI MCALLAN